Major-Gen. SIR JAMES BARRINGTON, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

— THE —

Men from the Greenwood

. . . Being the War History of the . . .
11th (Service) Battalion Sherwood Foresters.

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To the memory of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 11th (Service) Battalion, Sherwood Foresters, who fell in action, August 20th, 1914—November 11th, 1918.

"From the reproach of cowardice indeed they fled,
"but presented their bodies to the shock of battle; when
"insensible of fear, but triumphing in hope, in the doubt-
"ful charge they instantly grasped and thus discharged
"the duty which brave men owe to their country."

"Bestowing thus their lives on the commonwealth,
"they have everyone received a praise that will never
"decay, a sepulchre that will always be most illustrious;
"not that in which their bones lie mouldering, but that in
"which their fame is preserved, to be on every occasion
"when honour is the employ of either word or art, eter-
"nally remembered. This whole earth is the sepulchre of
"illustrious men, nor is it the inscriptions on the columns
"in their native soil alone that shows their merit, but the
"memorial of them, better than all inscriptions, in every
"foreign nation respected more durably in universal
"remembrance than on their own tomb."

THUCYDIDES.

Brig.-Gen. SIR DAVID KINLOCH, C.B., M.V.O.

PREFACE.

By Brig.-Gen. Sir David A. Kinloch, C.B., M.V.O.

I have always thought that the first Three Hundred Thousand of "Kitchener's Men" should be regarded as *Pioneers* to that magnificent citizen army who broke the Kaiser, and smashed up the most powerful Military Machine ever seen in Europe or elsewhere. This book is the history of the doings of a battalion of the Third Hundred Thousand—the 11th Sherwood Foresters—a unit of the 70th Infantry Brigade—23rd Division.

It was my good fortune to be given command of this Brigade on its formation in September, 1914, and we assembled on Frensham Common on the 17th of that month.

I found the job one of absorbing interest, and I never could wish to be associated with men imbued with a better and nobler spirit of gallantry and self-sacrifice than those among whom I spent one of the happiest years of my life.

The Brigade was composed of three battalions of Yorkshiremen and the Notts and Derby men, whose achievements are recorded in this book.

The Battalion was commanded by Colonel Hawkes, an old Indian Officer, till June 1915, when he was succeeded by Lieut.-Colonel H. F. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., who took them out to France the following August, and under whose able leadership they fought for over two years of the War.

The Battalion was chiefly recruited from the miners of Nottinghamshire; but there were others; and I remember a tent full of young gentlemen from a Theological College, who were about to enter the Church, but at the call of their Country entered the army instead, and all I can say about them is that, if they would have made half as good parsons as they did soldiers, the Church was very unlucky to lose them.

They all got commissions, and alas, nearly all have made the supreme sacrifice.

I could write pages about the history and incidents of the training of these gallant Sherwood Foresters, but this is only a preface, so I will content myself with saying that they rapidly developed into a magnificent fighting unit, and when I took the Brigade out to France, which I was privileged to do on the 22nd of August, 1915, I looked upon them as one of the finest units in the Division.

Very shortly after arrival in France, I was ordered home, and was succeeded in the command of the Brigade by Brigadier General Philips. I draw a veil over my feelings on leaving men, whom I had grown to admire beyond all words, on the threshold of their Great Adventure, but age will tell, and the Authorities insisted that I was too old for my job. Brigadier General Philips unfortunately broke his leg soon after taking over command, and was succeeded by Brigadier General H. Gordon, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., a most distinguished officer, who, fortunately for the Brigade, remained in command for the rest of the war.

As time went on the 11th Sherwood Foresters fully justified the high opinion I had formed of them. Everything they were called upon to do, they did, not only willingly but well, and up to the 1st July, 1916, their losses were not heavy; but on that dreadful day on the Somme the Brigade was nearly wiped out, and many a gallant Sherwood Forester "went west."

Colonel Watson was badly wounded, and I believe that Captain Hudson, as he then was, who later won the V.C. in Italy, and three subalterns were the only officers to come out of action untouched.

I have not space here to recount further doings of this gallant Band, but I am sure this book will be read with interest and admiration by everyone into whose hands it may come, and I am equally confident they will come to the same conclusion as I have, viz.:—that the 11th Battalion Sherwood Foresters went forward through the plains of France, Flanders and Italy, always setting a fine example of gallantry and patriotism, and invariably doing their duty in a way which brought nothing but credit on themselves and on the magnificent regiment to which they were proud to belong.

17th *December*, 1919.

David P. Hawkes
Brig.-Gen.

Brig.-Gen. H. GORDON, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

The Men from the Greenwood.

THE FIRST PHASE.

CHAPTER I.

MOBILIZATION.

The spirit animating the days of August, 1914, is difficult to recall. Enthusiasm is of the heights; although crises at great moments in history will allow mankind to attain to a high emotional plane, it is not in the order of things that he should dwell there. The work of the war had to be done, and the hard matter of fact daily round had to faced. The objects for which Britain had entered the war were none the less dear as time passed by, the determination to suffer anything rather than defeat grew stronger with the lapse of years. Before very long, however, the war had become a workaday thing. Yet the first stirring of the national sense of unity and sacrifice in a great cause was wonderful in those very early days, when the question was asked, every man of himself—"How much of myself can I give?"

In 1642 Nottingham saw the first raising of the King's standard, and Derby was for Parliament. In 1914 both city and town were for the King, and the King stood with his people in an hour of national danger. Crowds were thronging daily outside the palace of the King, and when he appeared to them in this time of threatened catastrophy, a wonderful exhilaration came to men for whom kingship had become a thing of great meaning. For amongst that multitude, waiting hour after hour, there were those who could hardly have told why they waited. Lulled by the security born of the peace of a hundred years they had only just been awakened to reality. So long they had said the idle thing themselves they had not credited the enemy when he had proclaimed abroad the dream his statesmen were dreaming of world conquest, making no secret of the means they intended to use to make the dream a reality. Suddenly the gods in whom these people had trusted were declared false gods. The god in whose omnipotence so many had relied, the god of international finance, had been proved powerless to avert the horror that was rushing down upon them. Like men in a strange country they knew not where to turn, but they seemed to find consolation in that sight of the King and a rallying people. Others were there who had foreseen the calamity, and now as clearly foresaw the sacrifice that almost every one in that multitude would have to make. Amongst the crowd hymning to the King on those summer nights, there would perhaps hardly be one from whom the hand of war would not take its toll. Some few there were who saw the coming struggle in this awful personal sense, but in the sight of the King and the people they also saw a new expression of national determination, and, finding solace, stayed to

swell the multitude. All manner of men and all shades of opinion found expression in that looking to the King as if for guidance.

Even when England had actually entered the War with her Allies, and the German dead were by this time lying thick around the glacis of the Forts of Liege, to many the effect of the war on themselves had not been brought home. War was still to them an affair where our army went away to a considerable distance, where the victory was invariably in the long run with us, where in the usual course of events there was much excitement, and where eventually there was great cause for rejoicing when the inevitable victory came. The month of August saw a new light entering the minds of this section of the people. Parliament met, and in a sitting had voted millions of money and an increase in the Army of some 500,000 men.

The late Lord Kitchener had set the wheels of organisation moving, and the first of that citizen army, destined finally to save its country, was seen in the streets. Men who were friends in peace, the great soldier had decided, should have the opportunity of serving side by side in war. Every industrial town throughout the country formed its new battalions of "Pals," and "Chums," who enlisted their men in batches of twenty, thirty or fifty. The men of the industrial North and Midlands, the South and the countryside, flooded the recruiting offices faster than the authorities could cope with the work entailed.

It was as a result of the first appeal to the men of Britain by Lord Kitchener that the 11th (Service)

Battalion Sherwood Foresters was formed at Derby on the 17th September, 1914, and the men who were enlisted were largely miners of Nottingham and Derby. The battalion entrained on the 19th to Farnham and from there marched to Frensham Camp, a distance of four miles, where they arrived late at night and encamped in a series of tents pitched on either side of the Farnham-Hindhead road. Here there were already stationed two brigades of the 23rd Division.

Captain W. Swinhoe-Phelan was in command on the journey, and with Lieut. Trayner, Quartermaster, were the only two officers the battalion had at the time. On arrival at Frensham, Lieut.-Colonel Hawkes, a retired Indian Army Officer, was awaiting the arrival of the Foresters, of whom he took command.

There was, as will be imagined, some considerable difficulty in getting 1,000 men into a new camp on the darkest of dark nights, but by some means this was finally done. When daylight came the country was seen to be heather covered, with rolling hills and dotted with pine woods. Altogether a more favourable impression was formed than on the night before.

On the opposite side of the road lay the lines of the 8th and 9th York and Lancs., and the 6th K.O.Y.L.I., with whom the Foresters formed the 70th Brigade. The 19th Brigade lay half-a-mile along the road towards Farnham and at Bulwater, a few miles away, there was the remaining Brigade—the 68th.

The 70th Brigade was commanded by Brig.-Gen. Sir David Kinloch, C.B., M.V.O., and the 23rd Division by Maj.-General Sir James Babington, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

Here at Frensham were met all those difficulties of poor accommodation and scanty equipment, difficulties that were only natural at this time. When in every county throughout the country thousands of men were all at once wanting the same things at the same time, there was bound to be a difficulty. Day by day these difficulties one by one disappeared. Lorry loads of stores were constantly arriving, and it was not long before the battalion began to settle down with more or less comfort.

Messrs. Lyons had charge of the catering, and as there was only one marquee capable of holding a Battalion, the Battalions of the Brigade took it in turns at meals. Most of the washing and all the bathing was done in the Frensham Pond, and so long as the weather held, life in camp was quite an unmixed delight. To the men who had come from the close occupation and life of the mine and city, this county of Surrey in its early autumn foliage and rolling downs of heather, was a marked change for the better. Almost immediately an improvement came over the appearance of the men; the exercise in the fresh air did wonders for them in a physical sense. The weather broke about the middle of October. Heavy rain fell, the ground became a quagmire, and as the tents had no floor boards, rheumatism and influenza rapidly sent men to hospital. Rumours of a move to winter quarters were prevalent enough, but the whole of October and November went by under these conditions.

The spirit of the men, however, made up for everything. Crime was practically unknown. Every man seemed charged with an individual duty he was in honour bound to carry out. Every man was his own custodian in those days, and to such men, who had set their resolve to a high purpose, to grumble at conditions, however bad, —well, it simply was not in them.

CHAPTER II.

TRAINING.

Lieut. L. R. Halford was one of the first officers to report after the Battalion had reached Frensham. There quickly followed Lieuts. Maitland and Fylden.

The Battalion was particularly fortunate in having as Regimental Sergeant Major an old Forester in R.S.M. Hull. It was extremely difficult to pick out suitable N.C.O's, but largely the old service men were chosen. Under these officers the training of the men began. It was, however, November before the men got rifles of the pattern they would use in France. Clothing had become a factor to consider. At first the Government got over the difficulty of the khaki shortage by serving out the famous blue uniform. It was very unserviceable, and the only recommendation it had was that it produced a certain amount of uniformity on parade.

Every morning the men went for a short run or march, and later tried to master the intricacies of squad and foot drill. The rifles supplied at this time were useful to learn the first rudimentary handling of arms and the preliminary exercises in musketry.

Others Officers were arriving, and the Companies finally settled down under the command of Captain Napier "A" Captain Mott; "B" Captain Leggatt; "C"

Companies were very scattered. "A" Com

fixed on the front at Sendgate

THE SECOND PHASE

CHAPTER I

FIRST DAYS IN FRANCE

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great effort in the Autumn

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definite defeat and disaster

Lieut. G. B. Pybus, M.C. Adjutant
Lieut. J. S. Traynor, Quarter-Master
Lieut. M. F. Gardner Transport Officer
Lieut. P. Eagles, R.A.M.C. Medical Officer.

and Lieut. H. L. Ellis

and Lieut. H. C. Watts

and Lieut. R. B. S. Ilford

and Lieut. M. J. Vincent

and Lieut. E. Russell

and mislead the enemy.

gradually allowed to die down.

7th Brigade came together again

accomplished.

with the greatest credit."

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a high standard of excellence

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CHAPTER IV

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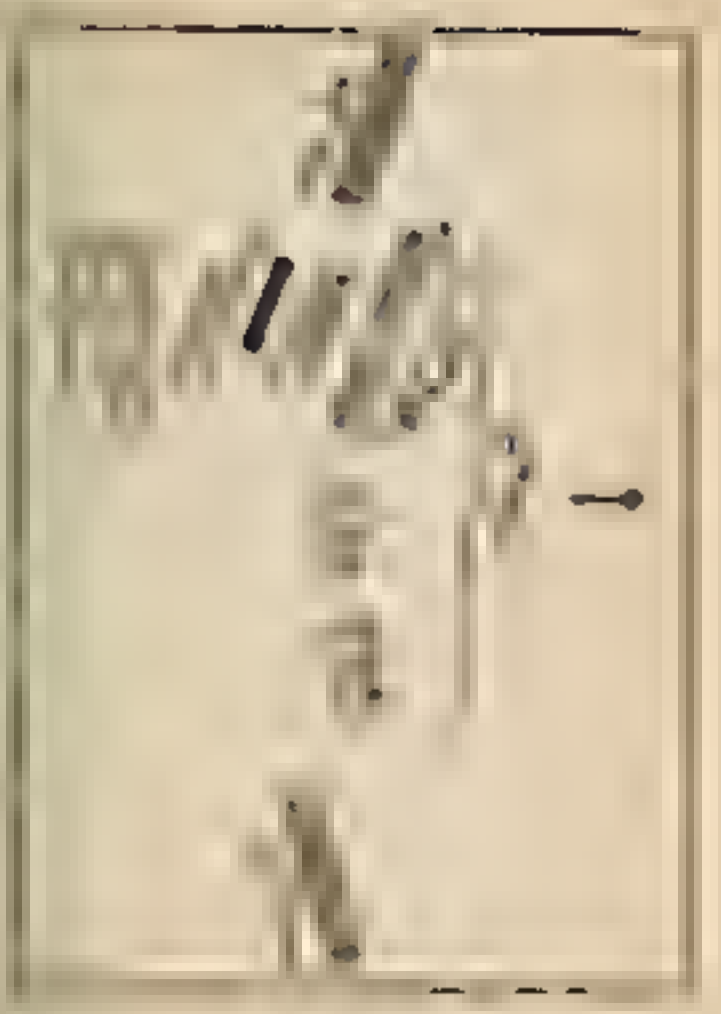

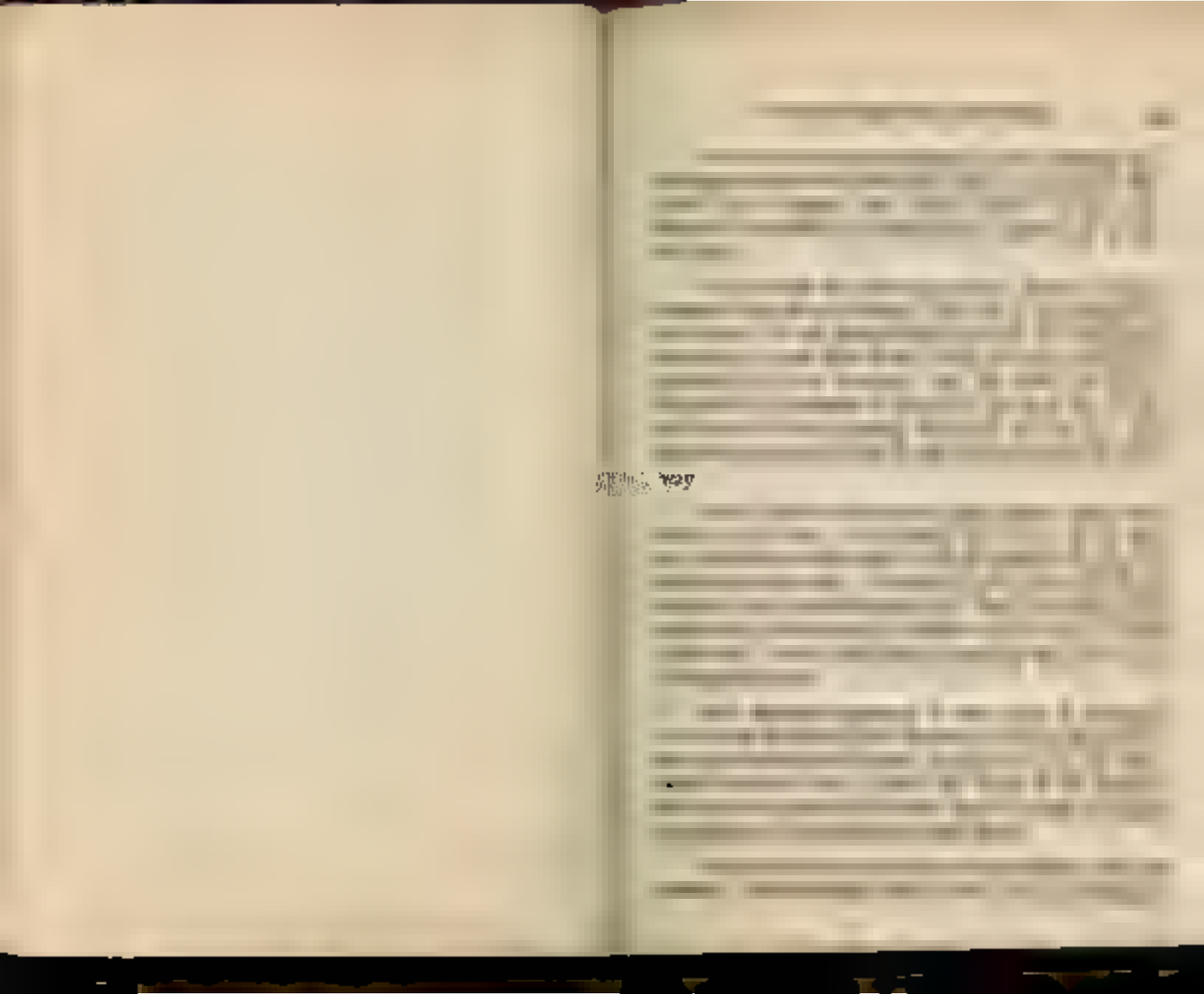

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and Lieut. G. B. Hayes
and Lieut. G. H. T. Sw—t

Lieut H. W. Archer
and Lieut. B. W. Ford
and Lieut. J. P. Williams.

Lt.-Colonel Watson, C.M.G. D.S.O., in command
Major Bernal, D.S.O. and in command
Captain F. B. Fyldes, M.C., Adjutant
and Lieut. W. E. Short, Lewis Gun Officer
and Lieut. L. G. Humphrys, Sig—alling Officer

A Company

Capt. H. L. Hurtin
Lieut. J. S. Harrison.
and Lieut. E. H. Britton
and Lieut. Radford

B Company

Capt. H. C. Watts,
and Lieut. Mainsty
and Lieut. Jackson.
and Lieut. Davis.
and Lieut. Clark.

C Company

Capt. C. E. Hudson.
and Lieut. G. B. Hayes
and Lieut. Bartlett
and Lieut. Tomlinson
and Lieut. Lovell

D Company

Capt. L. R. Halford
Lieut. E. Russel.
and Lieut. L. Coates
and Lieut. S. Longhurst
and Lieut. Carter

to Glasgow Street

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together in a great hour

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could not be far away

THE THIRD PHASE.

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Yours sincerely.

Signed H. F. WATSON

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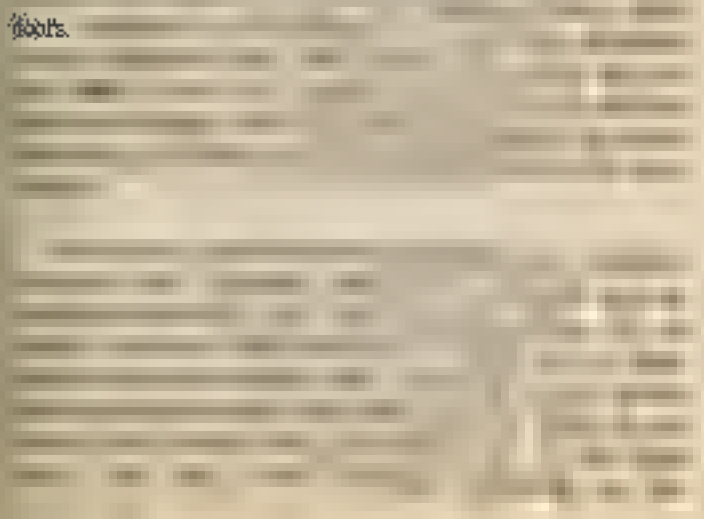

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July 4th, 1906

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ing 70th Brigade, July 4th, 1916

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CHAPTER III

Royal Rifles in the reserve area.

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CHAPTER IV

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Divisional area

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[illegible] for good work during the operations.

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[illegible] to be made on the 1st October."

[illegible] behalf of himself and the 2nd Army."

(Signed) C. H. HARRINGTON
M.G.G.S. Second Army

the 23rd Division."

to be D.S.O. for gallantry in the field.

5049 Corp. A. Johnson, 1353 Pte. J. Hobbes

THE FOURTH PHASE

CHAPTER I

was read and published to all ranks

G.O.C. and all ranks 23rd Division.

from the 10th Corps

with a few short intervals

called upon to serve.

(Signed) W. MORLAND.
Lieut.-General Commanding 10th Corps.

Medical Board

Bella

merely a gain of ground

s tod on the river Pim but one leap more to be on the

General Plumer makes it very clear that at this date

He was thoroughly satisfied

November 191?

THE MAYOR

Ing. FLAMINIO MICCOLI

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(Signed) C. EVANS,
Lieut.-Colonel Gen. Staff

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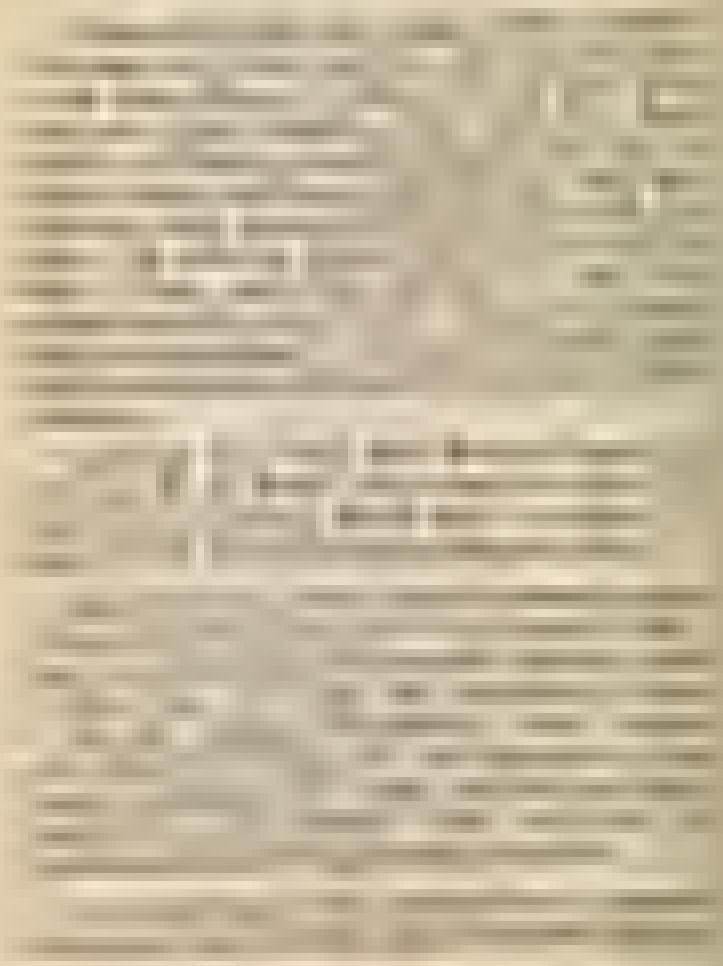

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the country beyond.

the hill into the front line

and the 6th York and Lan[illegible]on the left, and this was
ced and led forward

succeeded in pressing a

CHAPTER III

Musketry course

cross erected."

for the action on the 19th:—

Bar to D.S.O.—Captain B. W. Horsley, M.C., 8th

and Lieut. W. A. Clifton,

and Lieut. Cheetham

Groom

Bar to M.M., 1642) Pte. E. Smith, M.M

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or for action on the

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pany training.

and French honours by the Command

1942 Lt.-Col. G. Main,

for the services on June 15th

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CHAPTER IV

THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN

Compiled from Notes by [illegible]

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day could been plainly seen

Recreational training was initiated on

even going as far South as Sicily

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till under the

THE FIFTH AND LAST PHASE

CHAPTER I

BATTLES OF THE CAMBRAI-ST. QUENTIN LINE

WITHDRAWAL ON THE ADIGE AND THE PIAVE

The British campaign in Italy was in a peculiar position. It was to have fought a war on the frontiers of the Alps. Whilst the Russians were helping on the defence on the Asiago Plateau in June the cause of the Allies on the Western front was not yet secure. In the whole history of the war it was indeed the dark hour for at the moment when all the [illegible] Measures [illegible] campaigns of [illegible] were [illegible] the enemy on the Eastern side [illegible] sought shelter to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] movement at this moment to [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] all [illegible] hardly won ground the enemy [illegible] [illegible] front [illegible] [illegible] Rhine [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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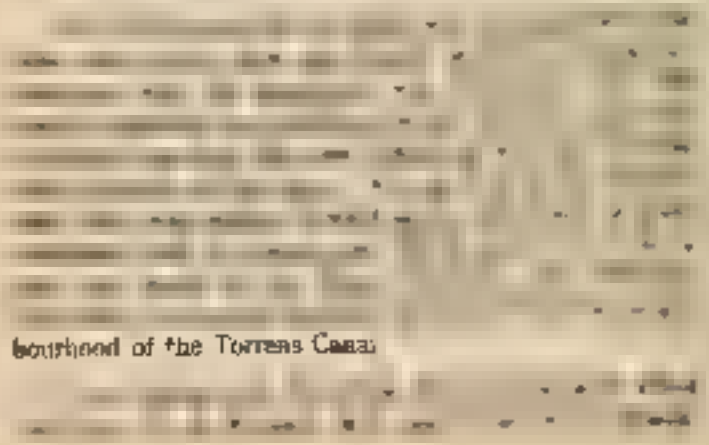

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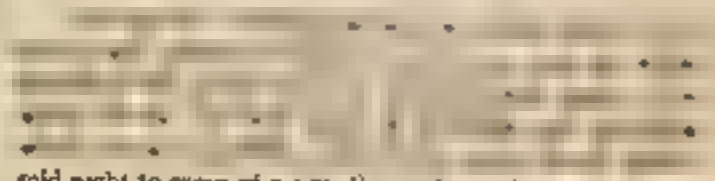

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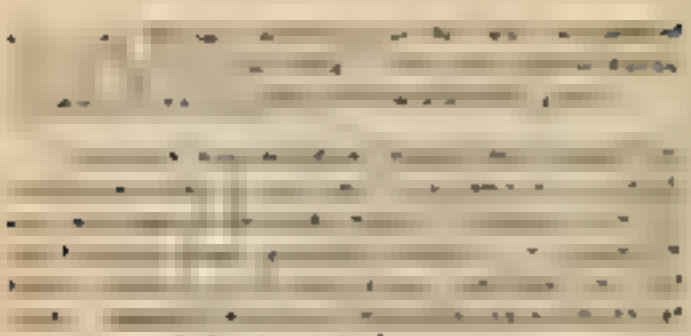

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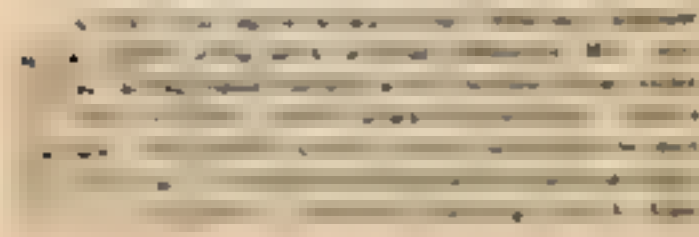

Major L. H. Gibson, M C
Captain G. W Bartlett M.C. killed in action
Captain R. W Bird. M C
2nd Lieut. (Act Captain) H A. V[illegible]
2nd Lieut. C. L. J M. Sullivan
Lieut F. W K Lawrie. R.A.M C

26280 Sgt Moss. J C
16024 Lc-Cpl. Checkley A., M.M
12255 Pte Popple, W A

A COMPANY

97030 C.S.M. Betts, J
30584 Cpl. Wynne, E. M M
16833 Cpl. Stringfellow. J
24008 Pte. Millard, W
306724 Pte. Dovey, E. H
241507 Pte. Hall, A

A Company—Continued.

16378 L.-Cpl. Page, J
73376 Pte. Spruce, G
15748 Sgt. Pollard, L. W
71868 Pte. Garner, E
89305 Pte. Betts, W. H
94105 Pte. Scott, A
241604 Pte. Tooke, A

B Company

19216 Cpl. Collins, W. H
19463 Pte. Heath, F
16147 Pte. Cowley, R
305490 Sgt. Wilkes, G
26505 Pte. Horner, A
70519 Cpl. Webster, C.
16018 Pte. Meakin, F
71883 Pte. Place, A
16922 Pte. Tongue, G. A.
73054 Pte. Warren, F
16254 Pte. Tomlinson, G., M.M.
16078 Pte. Shuttleworth, R.

C Company

1496 Cpl. Scott, [illegible] M.M.
73499 Pte. Sutherland, J. A.
3461 Pte. Swindle, H.
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17905 Pte. Smith, N. S.
33962 Pte. Munson, F.
19958 Pte. Smith, J.
12047 Pte. Pol[illegible]ck, J.

D Company

6936 Sgt. [illegible]
73233 Pte. Lock, E. W.
17849 Pte. Ainsworth, A.
16666 Sgt. Daley, T.
29139 Sgt. Fel[illegible]well, H.
92104 Pte. Whitlock, G.
266807 Pte. Noble, E.
266620 Pte. Makins, H.

CHAPTER II

with a castle of sand

to be shattered

strength to the attack

and J. Austin joined the battalion

with morning

up with the Worcesters, whose objective, Fontaine au Bois, had been taken, this move was successfully carried

early in the advance, but continued to lead his Company Sergt. Johnson was invaluable in command of his platoon,

ed under heavy fire

The casualties were wounded and Lieut J. Pickard, Captain J H. S. Sp M.C., Captain W. A. Clifton and Lieut. W Parkin Other ranks.—killed, 15, wounded

F. Stubbington joined on the 24th

the Brigade

via Mulgrave, was made

On November 3rd, the following O-

and, on the 4th, 2nd Lieuts. T. R McHale

ree prisoners. B Company also succeeded in

C Company were in support

and for the rest of the day the town was shelled

on the 10th

under heavy fire.

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with the advance from the 23rd to 31st October —

Captain W. A. Clifton, M.C.
Captain F. W. K. Lawrie
305640 Sgt. G. A. Johnson
[illegible] Pte. J. Whimsley
[illegible] Pte. J. J. Wardle
268055 Lc.-Cpl. F. C. Frisby
72786 Pte. J. N. Blow
53960 Sgt. S. H. Richardson
58834 Pte. G. Nicholson
203193 Lc.-Cpl. H. J. Chapple
19958 Pte. I. Smith
73189 Sgt. J. R. Garfoot

[illegible]
25 wounded; 2 missing; 1 died of wound

[illegible]
after the signing of the Armistice —

Major L. H. Gibson, M.C., Croce di Guerra
11350 C.S.M. S. Thompson, Croce di Guerra

[illegible]
Medal for Valour (Bronze

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS

Captain B. W. Bird, M.C. (died of wounds)
and Lieut. C. L. J. M. Salmeyer, M.C.
Captain W. A. Clifton, M.C.

MILITARY CROSS

Captain H. A. Watts
Captain F. W. K. Lawrie, R.A.M.C.

D.C.M.

[illegible]16 Sgt. W. H. Collins.
305649 Sgt. G. A. Johnson.
73189 Sgt. J. R. Garfoot

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES FOR WORK ON VARIOUS DATES

Captain B. W. Bird, M.C.
Captain L. H. Gibson, M.C.
Captain C. E. Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C.
Lieut. C. E. Pearson
and Lieut. F. C. Smith.
and Lieut. H. A. Watts
14586 Sgt. T. Branston.
16148 Sgt. W. J. Pinniger

AFTERWORD

An Author's Note.

ed the men

where they remain

of all times his private letters and diaries

difficulty was insurmountable, and the list had to be omitted. When the performance of individuals outvied each other day after day, it was impossible; to name one would have meant naming all.

Efforts have been made, unsuccessfully, to get from the authorities a full list of the casualties suffered by the Battalion in addition to a list of the honours won. Both lists are in course of preparation, but no idea could be given of the likely date of publication. The list of honours actually included has been carefully compiled from the War Diary, but it is more than likely that the names of some who won distinctions have been omitted. It will be a matter of regret if this is so, but the adverse circumstances under which the diary was often written will, I am sure, be remembered.

To write the history of the 11th (Service) Battalion Sherwood Foresters has been an honour and a pleasureable task. Considerably more than a year has passed since the fighting ceased. The vision that men had in the first days would seemed to have become clouded in the fog of political and economical matters which has intervened since the signing of peace, but this book fortunately deals with the time when, in a great belief, men did wonderful and splendid things.

The men who fought with the Foresters came from the mine, the warehouse and the office. They came from walks in life far removed from that of the soldier, and showed capabilities so different from the particular ability called for by the Army. Yet in how many instances did

their hands reach out eagerly for the new work that the year 1914 brought them, and when the heat of the battle had been borne and the day had been won, in true accordance with the tradition of the yeomen of this land of ours, they came home and turned again to their labour.

In many a pause in the day's activity the guns will be heard again at Bozancourt, again the foe will be held and a kingdom saved on the high plateau in northern Italy, and the feet of men will be hitting the white road once more beyond Landrecies, when they marched, a triumphal army, with cavalry at their head. To children these tales will be told, children for whom the dawn will be brighter now that the cloud that threatened our generation has been rolled away. They will hear again and again this story of the deeds of heroism of the men of Nottingham and Derby, of those who "have a fame which is preserved, to be on every occasion when honour is the employ of either word or act, eternally remembered."

F.F.

March, 1920.

LIST OF AWARDS.

V.C.

Brevet-Major C. E. Hudson, D.S.O., M.C.

C.M.G.

Lieut.-Colonel H. Watson, D.S.O.

Bar to D.S.O.

Major C. E. Hudson, D.S.O., M.C. Major H. N. Young, D.S.O.

D.S.O.

Captain B. W. Horsley, M.C., 8th K.O.Y.L.I. attached to Battalion.
Brevet-Major C. E. Hudson, M.C.

Bar to M.C.

Captain L. H. Gibson, M.C.
Captain B. W. Bird, M.C.
Captain W. A. Clifton, M.C.
and Lieut. C.L.J.M. Sallmayer M.C.

Military Cross.

Lieut. A. Bennett.
Captain C. W. Bartlett.
Captain B. W. Bird.
Lieut. W. R. Branker.
and Lieut. E. H. Brittain.
and Lieut. R. J. Chester.
and Lieut. T. Cheetham.
and Lieut. W. A. Clifton.
and Lieut. R. W. Clarke.
Lieut. N. W. Coates.
Captain G. B. Fylden.
Captain L. R. Halford.
Brevet-Major C. E. Hudson.
and Lieut. A. J. Knight.
Captain F. W. K. Lawrie, R.A.M.C.
and Lieut. H. Moore.
Regt. Sergt.-Major Moore.
and Lieut. C. L. J. M. Sallmayer.
Captain J. H. Spicer.
Captain H. A. Watts.
Captain P. Whyatt.

Bar to D.C.M.

19066 Sgt. Ellis, W., D.C.M., M.M.

Distinguished Conduct Medal.

17957 Sgt. H. E. Antcliffe.
19776 Sgt. Collins, W. H.
19066 Sgt. Ellis, W.
24983 Sgt. Flint, W.
73189 Sgt. Garlood, J. R.
202607 Pte. Groom, H. F.
70560 Pte. Harris, A.
305649 Sgt. Johnson, G. A.
21765 Sgt. Legate, J. H.
269819 L.-Cpl. Pope, J.
16739 Sgt. Robinson, C. M.M.
73296 R.S.M. Rose, G. W.
18351 Pte. Scott, J. J.
73284 Pte. Springall, R.
73014 Sgt. Wilson, J.

Meritorious Service Medal.

9698 C.S.M. Graham, J. W.

Bar to Military Medal.

12479 Cpl. Deeks, J., M.M.
19066 Sgt. Ellis, W., M.M.
16980 Sgt. Kirkland, C. M.M.
1496 Pte. Scott, G., M.M.
16423 Pte. Smith, E., M.M.
305321 Pte. Aby, W., M.M.

Military Medal.

Sgt. Antcliffe.
17854 Pte. Ainsworth, A.
18446 L.-Cpl. Bailey, B.
Pte. Baxter.
36410 Pte. Boyce, A.
17428 Pte. Beresford, I.
27332 Pte. Bates, G.
42805 Pte. Brown, C.
22550 Pte. Bradshaw, G.
71787 Pte. Bennesworth, C. C.
18246 Pte. Biggs, J.
16493 Pte. Busby, J.
16367 Pte. Blackledge, J.
29830 Pte. Batchford, W.
17753 L.-Cpl. Booth, W. H.
240907 Sgt. Bowyer, E.
13598 Sgt. Brunt, G.
7280 Sgt. Bowden, F.
71736 Pte. Blow, J. N.
4743 L.-Cpl. Cartledge,
47184 L.-Cpl. Canham, J. J.
73386 Pte. Capewell, A.
28461 Pte. Cadman, H.
16084 L.-Cpl. Checkley, A.

MILITARY MEDAL—Continued.

12806 Lc.-Cpl. Clarke, W. E.
6674 Lc.-Cpl. Clarke, J. W.
16721 Lc.-Cpl. Cooke, G.
241184 Pte. J. Cox.
203193 Lc.-Cpl. Chapple, H.
73008 Sgt. Cox, A. V.
15975 Pte. Consterdine, E.
73176 Pte. Crumpton, A.
10606 Sgt. Dayley, T.
12345 Cpl. Davidson, A.
108447 Pte. Duncan, G. A.
A-C.S.M. Dyers.
22479 Cpl. Deuks, J.
18109 Lc.-Cpl. Dunn, M.
47814 Lc.-Cpl. Dean, W.
19066 Lc.-Cpl. Ellis, W.
17528 Pte. Eyre, H. H.
21787 Cpl. France, A.
4689 Pte. Farnsworth.
16843 Sgt. Flowers, T.
71854 Pte. Freedman, I.
71870 Pte. Falconbridge, A.
19540 Pte. Finney, T.
16205 Pte. Firth, J. R.
200895 Pte. Frisby, F. C.
16710 Pte. Gardner, J. S.
71785 Pte. Gilhulley, J.
73060 Pte. Garfield, F.
11006 Sgt. Hackett, J.
16572 Pte. Haines, W. J. R.
70560 Pte. Harris, A.
18736 Cpl. Haywood, J.
19281 Cpl. Hulme, B. S.
16283 Lc.-Cpl. Hirnitt, A.
18189 Lc.-Cpl. Hobson, H.
15352 Pte. Horner, A.
26505 Cpl. Horner, A.
73230 Pte. Hurring, C.
23919 Lc.-Cpl. Heavey, M.
18608 Cpl. Ibberson, G.
16312 Lc.-Cpl. Jackson, A.
17691 Pte. Johnson, P. D.
7320 Sgt. Jones, T.
17902 Cpl. Jones, J.
15465 Pte. Jones, E.
72081 Pte. King, F. C.
16980 Sgt. Kirkland, C.
35438 Pte. Keys, S.
73042 Lc.-Cpl. Leech, W. W.
7253 Sgt. Lewis, W.
71777 Pte. Lynes, J.
72084 Pte. Maley, A.
16982 Lc.-Cpl. McCoy, J. J.
73134 Lc.-Cpl. Mills, J. A.
15969 Pte. Mather, A.
35943 Lc.-Cpl. Minnitt.
15462 Sgt. Molson, F.
58534 Pte. Nicholson, G.
19348 Pte. Ogden, F.
240855 Pte. Pearson, E.
14286 Pte. Plant, W.
16663 Pte. Povey, W. C.

MILITARY MEDAL—Continued.

260625 Pte. Percival, H.
14134 Pte. Pogson, E.
13163 Pte. Reddington, T. R.
53960 Sgt. Richardson, S. B.
15739 Sgt. Robinson, C.
17519 Lc.-Cpl. Rooms, J.
19266 Cpl. Rowlands, H.
93252 Cpl. Rymer, S. J.
306350 Pte. Skelton, C.
16195 Pte. Slack, T.
73376 Pte. Spruce, G.
16423 Pte. Smith, E.
73072 Lc.-Cpl. Smith, G. H.
73015 Pte. Smith, I.
36100 Pte. Stellebrass, A.
19958 Pte. Smith, J.
265091 Lc.-Cpl. Smith, A.
17723 Sgt. Stafford, J. E.
36381 Cpl. Stafford, P.
71863 Pte. Selway, F. J.
6941 Pte. Stevenson, E.
16032 Pte. Stokes, F.
79186 Pte. Sutton, G.
73199 Pte. Sutherland, J. A.
36152 Lc.-Cpl. Swift, G.
18108 Pte. Talbot, W. E.
4748 Pte. Toop, T.
73050 Pte. Thompson, S.
73168 Pte. Tinsley, T.
16254 Pte. Tomlinson, G.
32110 Cpl. Varney, A.
92104 Pte. Whitlock, G.
73288 Sgt. Williams, G.
305449 Lc.-Sgt. Wardale, H.
70538 Pte. Watts, F.
92098 Pte. Walmsley, J.
19275 Cpl. Wyatt, J.
118230 Pte. Wardle, J. J.
305490 Sgt. Wilkes, G.
32251 Pte. Walker, G. H.
90584 Lc.-Cpl. Wynne, E.

Allied Decorations

17957 Sgt. Antcliffe, H. E., Italian Medal for Valour.
Captain Bird, B. W., M.C., Croix de Guerre (French).
Captain Gibson, Croce di Guerra (Italian).
204618 Pte. Hancock, W. H., Bronze Medal for Valour (Italian).
Major C. E. Hudson, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., Croix de Guerre (French). Silver Medal for Valour (Italian).
16784 C.S.M. Louder, J. W., Croix de Guerre (Belgian).
73141 L.-Cpl. Main, S., Croix de Guerre (French).
16117 Sgt. Rediern, H. W., Silver Medal for Valour (Italian).
6818 Sgt. Slater, C. H., Croix de Guerre (Belgian).
36382 Pte. Stafford, S. Croix de Guerre (French).
2nd Lieut. Swire, H. L., Silver Medal for Valour (Italian).
11359 Sgt. Thompson, S., Croix de Guerre (French).
Croce de Guerra (Italian).
5002 L.-Cpl. Young, J., Bronze Medal for Valour (Italian).
Major H. N. Young, D.S.O., Croix de Guerre (French).